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**PSYCHOLOGIST WHO WORKED AT OKEECHOBEE CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTION FOUND GUILTY OF TAX FRAUD**

Tampa, Florida - A jury in U.S. District Court, late Friday, found Daniel Patrick Goodheart, age 37, guilty of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud and to defraud the United States by filing false and fraudulent tax returns. The maximum penalty he faces is 5 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The defendant was indicted on July 26, 2006. The defendant's sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

According to testimony and evidence presented at trial, Daniel Goodheart worked as a Psychologist Specialist at the Okeechobee Correctional Institution ("OCI") from September, 2001 until May, 2003. While employed at OCI Mr. Goodheart accessed the Florida Department of Corrections ("DOC") Intranet database to obtain the names and social security numbers of inmates located at other state correctional facilities. Mr. Goodheart then provided the names and social security numbers he obtained from DOC intranet database to inmates located at the OCI. The inmates at the OCI used the names and social security numbers to generate false and fraudulent Federal Income Tax forms. The inmates then utilized the defendant and other OCI employees, including Correctional Officer Frankie Jackson, to smuggle the false and fraudulent tax returns out of the prison, and then mail them to the Internal Revenue Service. In total approximately \$902,487.87 was obtained from the IRS as a result of the alleged conspiracy.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony E. Porcelli.